

NATIVES MEET GOVERNOR WITH LEIS AND LUAUS

Many of Them Are Home Rulers But Propose to Stand by Carter--Want a Teacher Removed--Roads and County Act.

(Staff Correspondence.)

KILAUEA, Feb. 10.—Governor Carter spent an interesting day in Kalapana, Monday, leaving there for the Volcano House Tuesday morning. Kalapana is one of the places in the islands where the white man has made his presence least felt. In this little coast village of five hundred souls, there are but two white men. H. Wilson, the school teacher, is there by necessity; the other, an old-time whaler, remains by choice. The latter has been in the village some forty or fifty years, has married an Hawaiian woman and enjoys the peace and quiet of the quaint little place. Unfortunately Gov. Carter was unable to see him during his brief stay.

The Governor ran into a succession of luaus after leaving Kamaili, where the party abandoned rigs and took to the mules. From here to Kalapana there is no road—hardly a decent trail and mules are the only animals that can make the trip in safety. At Ophihiko, the party enjoyed its first luau, arriving there at two o'clock Monday afternoon. The feast was served at the home of J. P. Kanaoloholani. Two hours later the Governor was the guest of honor at another luau, this one at the home of Kailioha in Kehena. From here into Kalapana, the Governor's march was a triumphal one, natives greeting him en route and bedecking him with leis. The Governor stopped many times en route to speak a word to the natives.

Arriving at Kalapana, the Governor was the guest at a third luau at the home of Kaahili, after the party had been escorted to the native church where a meeting was first held.

HOME RULE HOT-BED.

Kalapana is a hot-bed of Home Ruleism. When the Republicans visited the district during the last campaign the natives refused to open their doors to them, and every voter was enjoined not to attend their political meetings.

A reception committee, on this occasion, was sent to meet the Governor at the half-way point, but the party was so late that the committee returned and reported that the Governor was not coming. Fortunately at this time the Governor and party arrived and when they reached the meeting place, the

church was packed to the doors. Rev. S. L. Desha acted as interpreter for the Governor, and S. H. Haaheo acted as chairman of the meeting.

The Governor told the natives how pleased he was to see them and how pleasantly he had been impressed with the village as he had come through. He said that his ride had shown the necessity for a new road and that he hoped to do something for them. A portion of the road had been built a year ago but the appropriation was exhausted before it could be completed. The Governor advised the voters also, to send representatives to the Legislature, who would work in harmony with the Executive, and who, when they made promises, would fulfill them.

Secretary Atkinson spoke for nearly an hour, telling the natives how much the government needed their support and advising that the only way to get roads they wanted was to send men to represent them who would work in harmony with the legislative majority, which at present is Republican. He said that they had tried the Home Rule party without result, and now they should support men who made no promises but worked for them instead. The crowd was in good humor, and it was one of the best meetings of the entire trip. After the Governor and Secretary had finished talking A. B. Loevenstein made a brief address after which the meeting was thrown open for questions and petitions.

WANT TEACHER REMOVED.

Half a dozen men wanted the school teacher removed, and when Mr. Atkinson asked one of them who could take his place if this was done, the native naively replied that he was himself a candidate for the position. The Governor was asked also to provide some means by which they could be given burial certificates. They claimed that the teacher, Wilson, who is the Board of Health agent, had discriminated against them and they were compelled to go to Oloa and some times to Hilo to get certificates for their dead. One man was very anxious on this score, and it developed that he had been the agent under the county supervisors and had issued a burial certificate as deputy sheriff. The family now feared that the body would have to be disinterred and were threatening the county officer with suit. The Governor told the natives that he did not believe there would be any trouble on this score. The request was made also that the

Kalapana district be divided into two polling precincts. Kekino, who was the spokesman, said that as it now was, the voters had to go seventeen miles in order to vote. There is a polling place at each end of the district, which is thirty-seven miles long. The Governor promised to investigate the matter.

WOULD BE REPUBLICANS.

Some of the natives also promised to support the Governor. They said that their county supervisors were no good; that two of them were like lobsters, they sat still and said nothing, but when some one poked a finger at them they dropped over. One man also objected to Rep. Kekino, their representative in the Legislature, who, they said, had fooled them. He had come back and said that he had secured appropriations for new roads, but this was only in the general road fund and they could get none of it. The Governor told the natives that it was useless to send men to the Legislature who would make big appropriations and not provide sufficient funds to carry them out. Then they would blame the Governor, when it was not his fault, as he could not build roads for them unless he was given the money with which to do the work.

THE LUAU.

After the meeting the party was entertained with a luau and an old time hula, and Rep. Kekino chanted for the party. A little son of Kaahili played and sang some of the old legends for the Governor. The youngster has a remarkably fine voice. After spending the night at Kaahili's the party visited the road above Kalapana, and after another luau started again for the Volcano House.

AN OLD HEIAU.

Just a few miles out of Kalapana is one of the four ancient heiaus, old Hawaiian temples, built centuries ago. This heiau, Wahaia, is still in a remarkable state of preservation. It is the heiau of which a model was made recently for the Bishop Museum.

This heiau is about 100x150 feet; the holy-of-holies and sacrificial altars still being in a good state of preservation. At one end is the section which was reserved for the high priests and where they carried on their sacrificial practices. There is a small enclosure in the front in which was deposited the offering from the human offerings, and here the lesser priests and chiefs were compelled to sleep and prove their courage. The interior is paved, or rather macadamized with volcanic stones. Some of the natives still believe in some of these ancient superstitions and evidences of this were found by Mr. Loevenstein and shown to the Governor.

After leaving Kalapana the party rode directly to the Volcano House, arriving at six o'clock Tuesday evening.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Secretary Atkinson celebrated his thirtieth birthday anniversary at the Volcano House Tuesday evening. Manager Biddgood who in some way learned of the event, having prepared a birthday feast for the party. A huge birthday cake, with burning candles, one for each year, formed the center piece and Secretary Atkinson was toasted many times.

THE VOLCANO ROAD.

This morning Gov. Carter was driven over a portion of the Volcano road by Peter Lee. The Volcano road, 31 miles long, is the best stretch of road in the islands, although the people of Hilo and vicinity do not think so. There is not a road on Oahu to be compared with it, and except for a small portion above twenty-five miles it is as smooth as any of Honolulu's streets. It has been macadamized for the entire distance and is in fine shape excepting for a few miles on the upper portion, where the top dressing has been washed away.

The people of Hawaii have been educated up to a high standard in the matter of roads. Nothing less than a level, macadamized street will satisfy the desires of most of them. In the past when the government was wealthy, thousands and thousands of dollars were expended in road-making, sometimes in places where but one or two homesteads were reached. Now that the government is compelled to be more economical, the people do not appear to realize the situation and insist on country roads with a city finish. The Volcano road will probably be given some needed repairs.

ON THE WAY AGAIN.

The party left the Volcano House again shortly after noon for Julian Monsarrat's ranch at Kapapala. Two days will be spent there, for the purpose of inspecting the forests in back of the ranch. Private Secretary Creedon left the party at Kilauea and returns to Honolulu on the Mauna Loa.

THE ITINERARY.

From Kapapala the party will travel on down into Kau, reaching Pahala probably Friday evening where a meeting is to be held. Waikihini will be visited Saturday morning and the party will go on immediately to Naalehu, where Sunday will be spent at the Hutchinson plantation. On Monday the party will go into Kona, holding meetings Monday and Tuesday at Papa and Hookena. The next stop will be at Napoopoo, then on to Kailua and over to Kawaihae taking the steamer Friday. It is possible that the return may be delayed until the following Tuesday, although the present plan is to return to Honolulu Feb. 20.

L. M.

It is common enough in the East to put a German or a Hebrew or an Italian on the ticket to catch the German, Hebrew or Italian vote, as the case may be. The new citizens of the West, where those of foreign birth often outnumber the native, have not been slow to adopt the same policy. Secretary Shaw tells of the worries he had trying to select a county ticket in a district where there were many Swedes. "I met a Swede who is a big farmer in my district," he said, "and talked to him about the candidates. 'Olaf,' I asked, 'whom do you think we should nominate for County Judge?' 'I tank Ole Oleson ban goot man,' he said. 'And for District Attorney?' 'Yon Yonson.' 'And for County Treasurer?' 'Nells Peterson.' 'And for Sheriff?' 'I tank James Smith.' 'But, Olaf,' I protested, 'you have named a Swede for every other position, why not a Swede for Sheriff?' 'Oh, we must do something to catch the Yankee vote.'"






























SEEING THE BIG CRATER

Kilauea Is Dead Now But Plenty to See.

(Staff Correspondence.)

KILAUEA, Feb. 10.—Kilauea is worth traveling thousands of miles to see whether the volcano is active or inactive. The old crater, which was two months ago at the height of activity, is now dead; the bottom covered with small stones and gravel, can be easily seen from the brink, and sulphur fumes rising from open fissures give the only indication of past disturbances.

Kilauea may be dead, but even then it is interesting. The crater may be extinct, but to one who walks or rides over it at any hour, day or night, it appears to be very active indeed. From every crevice and fissure volumes of smoke and steam and fumes rise, and in half a dozen places the heat is so intense that it is lots more congenial in a cooler spot.

No one can truthfully say that Kilauea is extinct. Madame Pele is only slumbering. There is always activity somewhere beneath you, and the smoke and fire constantly arising give the impression that you are walking over an active volcano, even though you are not able to see the activity yourself. It is there, and though probably the lava may be flowing deep down, there is no telling when an upheaval may come.

And then even without the view of the lake of fire and the remarkable disturbances apparent when the volcano is active, there is still always something to be seen. Madame Pele's kitchen, the hot caves, and the cones of past disturbances are all interesting enough. You can be familiar with Pele here, without running into danger. There is advance notice of every performance and it is easy to get to the gallery on one side and keep a close watch on the play. No doubt the view of the crater is magnificent while the volcano is in action, but at the same time there is also enough to be seen when Kilauea is still, to repay you for the trip a hundred times over.

The Volcano House people and Hilo residents complain that Honolulu does all in its power to prevent tourists from visiting Kilauea. Perhaps they do, but it is a mistaken policy. Oahu has attractions, but after all the visit to the volcano should not be overlooked. It is the one attraction which Hawaii has, that no other country can offer. Properly developed it is the islands' most valuable tourist asset. You can get tropical scenery in many lands, but a living volcano whether active or inactive is one thing which no other country can offer. And it is harmless always. Pele is always remarkably well-behaved and yet she is ready to display her charms to every visitor. If there is no activity there is still always enough underground disturbance to give the tourist an idea of what she might do if really aroused. And perhaps a good many people would prefer to walk over the black lava beds and see and feel the heat and smoke from the innermost recesses of the earth, and be told of Pele's power, than to see her demonstrations at close range. Of course the splendor of Kilauea in action cannot be belittled, but there is always considerably more to be seen, than simply boiling lakes and fiery lava foundations. Then too every visitor to the volcano must pass through Honolulu. And the chances are that the average tourist who is told that there is nothing to be seen outside of Oahu, cuts short his stay in Honolulu just that much. A visit to Kilauea is a benefit not only to the island of Hawaii, but it means necessarily a longer time spent in Honolulu, for steamer connec-

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tions are seldom perfect. Then too while the average tourist may tire of telling of the joys of climate and beauties of scenery, he will repeat over and over again the story of a meal he cooked over volcanic fire, or how he charred his card or pencil in the heat from the center of the earth, or of the caves he visited, where the air was unbearably hot instead of cold.

There are things to be seen by the volcano visitor other than the volcano itself. The trip to Kilauea must be made overland and the country is three fold more beautiful viewed from the stage than from the decks of a steamer—even though you may be able to enjoy the latter. From Hilo to Kilauea there are virgin forests of magnificent beauty. Tree ferns enclose the wood on either side while in the thick undergrowth is a touch of color here and there. Wild raspberries are plentiful along the roadside, luscious and red and good to eat. Wild roses and cultivated roses also line the way and the road is one of the best in the islands. A stage runs from one side of the island to the other and it is always best to come up by way of Hilo and return from Honuapo, or from Honuapo and then back by way of Hilo.

The Volcano House has been entertaining scores of people lately, and the house is kept filled nearly all the time by Manager Biddgood. While the Governor was here there was a small party of tourists viewing the volcano, also a party consisting of Mrs. Thurston and daughter, Miss Potter, Mrs. McStocker and son and Mrs. Walker and two sons. J. B. and George P. Castle are due here with a party of four today from the Kona side, and a party of six is coming on the Kinau this week.

Practically everything for the table is raised here, celery, cauliflower, cabbage, radishes, chickens, turkeys, etc. Violets grow profusely and the flower garden at the Volcano House is one of the prettiest and most artistically arranged in the islands.

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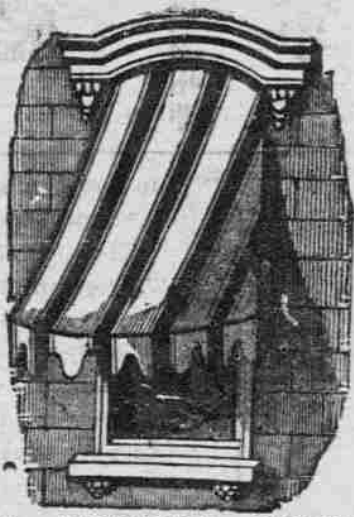
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